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1. DURING COURSE CHAT WITH MEA OFFICIAL (OBEBE, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DEPT.) AUG. 17, POLCOUNS ASKED ABOUT CURRENT VISIT VIETNAMESE DELEGATION. MEA OFFICER INDICATED THAT MEETINGS HAVE FOCUSED ON PROSPECTS FOR "COMMERCIAL RELATIONS" BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES WHICH OFFICIAL ADMITTED WERE NOT GREAT. HE ADDED THAT VIETNAMESE HAVE A PARTICULAR INTEREST IN LEARNING HOW FMG MANAGES ITS OIL OPERATIONS AND ARE SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM OFFICIALS. THEY WILL NOT BE VISITING ANY INSTALLATIONS, HOWEVER. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, OBEBE
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SAID VIETNAMESE PRESENTED THEMSELVES TO FMG AS REPRESENTATIVES

OF A UNIFIED VIETNAM.

2. COMMENT. WE ASSUME EACH SIDE SOLICITING THE OTHER FOR SUPPORT ON POLITICAL ISSUES AS WELL BUT SO FAR NO INFORMATION (EXCEPT FOR TIEN'S PROSAIC ARRIVAL REMARKS LAUDING FMG SUPPORT FOR LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, ROLE IN NON-ALIGNED ACTIVITIES AND OPPOSITION TO IMPERIALISM AND COLONIALISM) ON SUCH MATTERS HAS BEEN FORTHCOMING. VIETNAMESE INTEREST IN NIGERIAN OIL OPERATION WOULD SEEM TO BE RELATED TO PLANS FOR DEVELOPMENT THEIR PETROLEUM RESOURCES BUT MAY BE MERELY INGRATIATORY OPENING TO EFFECT POLITICAL ENDS.
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